the Policy for setting up of Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIRs), and the same has been published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1 dated 4th April, 2007) and is also placed on the website of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals *viz. www.chemicals.nic. in.* The State Government would play a lead role in setting up of the PCPIR and prepare a project proposal for an identified site. The Central Government will consider and approve applications form the State Governments for establishment of PCIPRs in terms of this policy and also facilitate availability of external physical infrastructure linkages including rail, road, ports, and airports. Similarly, the State Government, applying for a PCPIR, will ensure that all physical infrastructure and utilities linkages under its jurisdiction are provided to the site.

The following four proposals have been received for hosting PCPIRs.

(i) Proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for hosting a PCPIR at Vishakhapattnam-Kakinada-Rajamundry within the Vishakhapattnam and East Godavari Districts.

(ii) Proposal from the Government of Karnataka for hosting a PCPIR within the coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi of Karnataka.

(iii) Proposal from the Government of Gujarat for hosting a PCPIR at Dahej spread over the blocks of Vagra and Bharuch of South Gujarat.

(iv) Proposal from the Government of West Bengal for hosting a PCPIR at Haldia spread over the Haldia Municipal Corporation and Nayachar Islands in Purba Medinipur.

The investment requirements of a PCPIR will depend on its location and other factors which will include the availability of existing infrastructure and the details in the project proposal. The investment details will vary from place to place and are to be concurred to by the concerned departments of the Government of India and the State Government. Exact quantification of investment would depend on the proposed specific details.

Antyodaya Anna Yojana in Goa

1201. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been implemented in the State of Goa;

(b) if so, the number of families covered under the scheme, in the State, so far; and

(c) the foodgrains supplied till this date alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the total targeted 0.184 lakh AAY families, the number of AAY families covered under the scheme, in the State upto 31-10-2007 is 0.145 lakh (14,500).

(c) Statement showing allocation and offtake of foodgrains for AAY under TPDS in Goa for the period 2005-06 to 2007-08 (upto September) is given below:—

(000 tonnes)

Year	Allotment	Offtake	% Offtake
2005-06	Rice-5.739	2.447	42,6
2006-07	Rice-6.108	3.940	64.5
2007-08 (upto September)	Rice-3.054	2.496	81.7

Distribution of substandard ration to card holders in Goa

1202. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of distribution of substandard rice, wheat and other essential commodities to the card-holders in Goa, came to the light;

(b) the reasons for fair price shops getting substandard foodgrains from Government;

(c) whether Government has investigated into the matter;

(d) whether there was any communication between Government and the Goa Administration in this matter;

(e) whether the remedial steps have been taken in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Question does not arise.

Warehousing facilities to farmers

1203. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state what possible steps Government is undertaking to provide proper warehousing facilities to farmers, so as to avoid the post harvest losses of the produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): Primarily, there are three Government agencies *i.e.* Central Warehousing Corporation, Food Corporation of India and State Warehousing Corporations which are engaged in building storage/warehousing capacities for foodgrains which provides scientific storage facilities to avoid post harvest losses of the produce.

The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is having adequate warehousing facilities throughout the country for storage of foodgrains to avoid the post harvest losses of the produces of the farmers. As on 01.10.2007, it had 498 Nos. of General Warehouses having total average capacity of 100.50 lakh MT and the average utilization of 77.70 lakh MT. The total foodgrains stored in the warehouses of CWC were 25.68 lakh MT. CWC offers a rebate of 30% in storage charges to the bona-fied farmers. It has launched Farmers Extension Service Scheme (FESS)